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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahbub KABIR (Bangladesh)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 42nd, 44th, 45th and 46th meetings, on 17, 19, 21 and 22 December 1993.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations (A/48/470) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/757);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of seventeen peace-keeping operations (A/C.5/48/40);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/788).

4. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/48/SR.42, 44, 45 and 46).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.32

5. At the 45th meeting, on 21 December 1993, the Vice-Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.32.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.32 without a vote (see para. 9, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.14

7. At the 46th meeting, on 22 December 1993, the representative of Japan introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.14. The representative of Canada proposed to delete paragraph 13 of the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.14 as orally revised and amended without a vote (see para. 9, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Endorses on a provisional basis the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ relating to the funding by the support account of the

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1/ A/48/470.

2/ A/48/757.

posts in the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, the Field Operations Division, the Internal Audit Division and, within the Department of Administration and Management, the Peace-keeping Financing Division and the Purchase and Transportation Service (excluding the six General Service posts proposed), subject to the policy decisions to be taken during the current session of the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments to cover costs borne by the support account in an amount not to exceed 16,376,250 United States dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1994, as recommended by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 34 of its report; 2/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee; 2/

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 3/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 4/ on the financing of seventeen peace-keeping operations: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; United Nations Angola Verification Mission; United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission; United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara; United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador; United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia; United Nations Protection Force; United Nations Operation in Somalia; United Nations Operation in Mozambique; United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus; United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia; United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda; United Nations Mission in Haiti; United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia; United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; and United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia,

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3/ A/C.5/48/40.

4/ A/48/769-786.

Recalling the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 5/ which, inter alia, addressed the timely submission of reports to the General Assembly,

Expressing its concern that the Secretariat has till now not given the desirable level of attention to the views of the General Assembly in this matter,

Mindful of the fact that peace-keeping requires a reliable and assured funding base for the success of operations and that troop contributors need to be reimbursed on a more regular basis, and that the continuation of irregular budgetary practices may further complicate this situation,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 6/

2. Notes with concern that the approach based on the compilation of the abbreviated statements of requirements of peace-keeping operations in a series of separate subsections in the report of the Secretary-General 3/ does not allow for proper budgetary scrutiny by the General Assembly;

3. Notes that such a compilation of the requirements of the operations represents an exceptional measure in order to expedite the approval of resources necessary for the maintenance of the operations and does not constitute a precedent for the future;

4. Decides, therefore, that peace-keeping submissions will continue to be considered on an individual basis until such time as the General Assembly decides otherwise;

5. Expresses regret at the worsening trend of the late submission of full cost estimates for the peace-keeping operations despite the deadlines set for the submission of such cost estimates by the General Assembly and assurances by the Secretariat, and notes that none of the cost estimates has been submitted on time at the current session;

6. Reaffirms its concern expressed in its resolutions 47/41 C, 47/208 B and 47/210 B of 14 September 1993 about the delays in the submission of budget documents until well into the financing period of the peace-keeping operations, which have contributed to the financial difficulties of the operations;

7. Takes note of the reasons advanced by the Secretary-General for the delays in submission stated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his report, 3/ and considers that the circumstances related to the regular budget are not related to the timely submission of the cost estimates of peace-keeping operations;

5/ A/47/990.

6/ A/48/778.

8. Expresses its concern about the apparent lack of adequate financial planning relating to peace-keeping;

9. Emphasizes that the General Assembly can appropriate resources only on the basis of a detailed consideration and approval of the cost estimates submitted to it by the Secretary-General;

10. Expresses its concern about the insufficient provisions for external audit, and reiterates its request to the Board of Auditors to review its need for resources to perform its functions adequately;

11. Decides to consider, on an exceptional basis, the report of the Secretary-General 3/ and to take action thereon solely in order to provide for the continuation of the operations in question, without constituting a precedent, on the understanding that the measures under paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of the present resolution will be duly implemented;

12. Decides also to take action on each operation within the framework of the present resolution in a separate decision at its current regular session;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take prompt and definitive corrective measures to prevent the recurrence of delays in the submission of full cost estimates and to report to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the implementation of those measures at its current session;

14. Decides that all performance and financing reports should be submitted by 31 January 1994 to Member States, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 47/41 C of 14 September 1993, paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 47/208 B of 14 September 1993, paragraph 15 of Assembly resolution 47/234 of 14 September 1993 and paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 47/224 C of 14 September 1993, so that the General Assembly will be able to consider appropriating the required resources no later than 31 March 1994 for each operation, well in advance of the commencement of its financial period;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to improve the presentation and type of information contained in performance and financing reports, in accordance with recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 5/

16. Decides to review the matter at its resumed session.

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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

Rapporteur: Mahbub KABIR (Bangladesh)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

> "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations:
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> "(b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it, inter alia, communications from Belarus, Madagascar and Ukraine concerning their placement in the appropriate group for the apportionment of the costs of United Nations peace-keeping operations (A/48/192, A/48/315 and A/C.5/48/13). In addition, the Member States that joined the Organization in 1993 had to be assigned to the appropriate group for the same purpose.

3. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 27th, 28th and 45th meetings, on 2, 3 and 21 December 1993. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.27, 28 and 45).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.12

4. At the 45th meeting, on 21 December, the Rapporteur introduced draft decision A/C.5/48/L.12, which was elaborated following informal consultations by the open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/218 of 23 December 1992.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.12 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision were made by the representatives of Madagascar, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine (see A/C.5/48/SR.45).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To continue during its current session the mandate of the open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/218 of 23 December 1992;

(b) As an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses, that:

(i) Andorra and Monaco shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, and that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(ii) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232, and that its contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(iii) Eritrea and Madagascar shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232, and that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations

shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(c) To consider and decide during its current session the placement of the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the appropriate group as set out in General Assembly resolution 43/232 for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses;

(d) To consider, as an exceptional measure, any arrears of Belarus and Ukraine arisen in 1992 and 1993 and for 1994 in the financing of peace-keeping operations as being due to conditions beyond their control, and accordingly, that the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations related to the loss of voting rights in the General Assembly in this respect will not arise.

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
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Forty-eighth year

Letter dated 22 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter from His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 79, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 14 December 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

In certain regions of the former Yugoslav federal unit of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the process of ethnic cleansing of Serbs and destruction of their spiritual and cultural heritage is taking place. Such activities of the Croatian and Muslim armed forces are in contravention of the international conventions on human rights and fundamental freedoms, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Convention on the Protection of Cultural Heritage.

I. Religious establishments destroyed or damaged in the Eparchies of the Serbian Orthodox Church in former Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. The Eparchy of Banja Luka (seat in Banja Luka): one Orthodox church demolished;

2. The Eparchy of Bihać and Petrovac (seat in Petrovac):

(a) five churches demolished;

(b) two churches damaged;

(c) one parochial home burned down and one charnel house dynamited;

3. The Eparchy of Dabar and Bosnia (seat in Sarajevo):

(a) 10 churches demolished;

(b) 12 churches damaged;

(c) seven parochial homes demolished, one chapel damaged and two demolished, and the Eparchy seat destroyed.

4. The Eparchy of Zahumlje and Herzegovina (the oldest Eparchy of the Serbian Orthodox Church, established by Saint Sava in 1219, with the seat in Hum, now in Mostar):

(a) 24 churches demolished;

(b) 16 churches damaged;

(c) one Monastery demolished, two Bishop's residences dynamited, two parochial homes and one chapel demolished, two chapels damaged, five cemeteries destroyed and five damaged.

The Serbs, with Muslims the most populous in the region, were brutally expelled from Mostar and its surroundings. This ethnic cleansing was carried out jointly by Croats and Muslims. The world media and the international community turned a blind eye to this horrendous crime against the Serb population of Mostar and its surroundings, thus stoking the violent clashes between Muslims and Croats for the control of the town. In these clashes, Croats destroyed the Old Bridge over the Neretva River erected in the sixteenth century by Turks with the labour of enslaved Serbs.

5. The Eparchy of Zvornik and Tuzla (seat in Tuzla):

(a) 32 churches demolished;

(b) 26 churches damaged;

(c) 20 parochial homes demolished, the seat, Bishop's residence and eight parochial homes damaged, one chapel and two cemeteries demolished.

II. Destruction of historical and cultural monuments of the Serb people

The following cultural and historical monuments were destroyed:

1. The old Orthodox church in Mostar, built in the sixteenth century.

2. The cathedral church in Mostar, built in 1873, one of the biggest churches in the Serb Patriarchate, with exceptionally valuable items. Shelled on 7 and 8 June 1992, its belfry was destroyed and its interior burned down on 15 June. Subsequently, the church was dynamited and razed to the ground.

3. The Monastery of Žitomislić (in the Eparchy of Zahumlje and Herzegovina), built in 1563, was burned and destroyed on 15 July 1992. This Monastery had been damaged also in the Second World War and its monks killed by Croatian Ustashe, forerunners of the present Tudjman regime.

4. The Church of Saint George at Kopači (in the Eparchy of Dabar and Bosnia), built by Herceg Stjepan in 1446, was looted and burned down by the Muslim armed forces of Alija Izetbegović, while the adjacent cemetery was ploughed over.

5. Croatian armed forces established their bivouac in the Monastery at Zavala, built in the fifteenth century. They desecrated and damaged this unique spiritual and cultural monument of the Serb people, with frescoes dating back to 1690, just as they desecrated and damaged the Serb Orthodox church in Dubrovnik, in which they set up their quarters on 2 October 1992.

6. The charnel-houses at Prebilovci, Veličani and Livno, with the remains of the Serbs brutally killed by Croatian Ustashe and the Muslim Hanjar Division in the Second World War have been dynamited or burned down.

III. Perpetrators, time and manner of destruction

The perpetrators of these acts were the armed forces of Bosnian Croats and Muslims and the units of the regular army of Croatia. These crimes were committed also at the beginning of the civil war, while Tudjman's Croatia and its acolytes Bosnian Croats and Alija Izetbegović's Muslims were still great allies and very hard at work dynamiting, burning down and ploughing over Serb spiritual and cultural monuments, dating back to the medieval times, in a vain attempt to erase the evidence of their centuries-old presence in these lands.

Convinced of the need that it is necessary to invest every effort to bring about peace and protect the life and dignity of every man and woman and the right to life and comprehensive development of every people, I trust and believe that the Serb people will also be granted the same rights and protection before the international community and its forums.

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1995

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/48/L.51

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahbub KABIR (Bangladesh)

1. At its 45th meeting, on 21 December 1993, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/65) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/48/L.51. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/48/SR.45).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/48/L.51, no additional appropriation would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

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UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/48/L.24/Rev.2

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahbub KABIR (Bangladesh)

1. At its 45th meeting, on 21 December 1993, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/64) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/48/L.24/Rev.2. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/48/SR.45).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/48/L.24/Rev.2, an additional appropriation of US$ 152,500 would be required under section 8 (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, subject to the guidelines for use and operation of the contingency fund, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

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